

MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Hoffman, Commissioners Campbell, Davè, La, Leung, Walsh and Watanuki.

Absent: Vice Chair Smith and Commissioner Vuppala

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the April 18, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davè and seconded by Commissioner Walsh to accept the minutes of April 18, 2011. The motion was approved with Commissioner Walsh abstaining. The motion was so ordered.

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner La informed the Commission that Commissioner Watanuki and former Commissioner Raj Salwan were awarded the Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Award.

8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)

8.1 None

A motion was made by Commissioner Watanuki and seconded by Commissioner Walsh to suspend the order of agenda, and move on to section 10.1. Anti Bullying Forum Sponsor Request. The motion was approved and so ordered.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 HRC Work Plan

Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing: Move “Meet with Youth Commission to the July/September box on work plan.

9.2 Community Event for Joseph David Osman’s “*Surrender to Kindness*”

Commissioner Davè could not facilitate the Thursday events and asked for volunteers to replace him. Commissioner La offered to facilitate the Cal State East Bay event and Commissioner Campbell will facilitate the Fremont Senior Center event.

Event Schedule

Date	Time	Place	Facilitator	Cards
6/23/11	12:00 PM	Cal State East Bay	La	Johnson Shenfil
6/23/11	7:00 PM	Fremont Senior Center	Campbell	Hoffman
6/24/11	12:00 PM	Fremont Main Library	Davè	Walsh Campbell Leung

For the question and answer part of each event, the Commission decided to use question cards. Staff and Commissioners volunteered to collect question cards from the audience. City staff will provide question cards and pencils to hand out. The Commissioners were asked to send two questions each to MaryLou Johnson by Monday, May 23 that can be given to Mr. Osman in advance.

Commissioners requested staff resend the video of Joseph Osman being interviewed.

9.3 Human Relations Award Discussion

Commissioners discussed the award criteria used by previous Commissions. The Commission decided to reduce the number of award categories to six by June or July 2011. Staff will supply Commissioner La with the phone number and email address of Bill Marshak of Tri-City Voice to discuss the awards process and see if he is willing to participate. Commissioner La will report back to the Commission in June.

9.4 Commission Participation in San Francisco Pride Parade

Staff reported that the City Attorney's Office is reviewing the SF Pride agreement. On June 7, 2011, the City Council is scheduled to proclaim June as Pride Month, as well as authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement.

Suzanne Shenfil will talk with Chief Steckler to get contact information for Commissioner Hoffman, on the officers that walk in the parade.

9.5 2011 HRC Dinner

Commission decided on Salang Pass, Monday, June 6 at 6:30. Staff to make reservations.

9.6 "Race To Nowhere" Symposium

Commissioner Watanuki gave an update on the "Race To Nowhere" Symposium being held on May 21, 2011 at 2 pm and 7 pm at the Conrad Anderson Conference Room in Washington Hospital.

10. NEW BUSINESS (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

10.1 Anti-Bullying Forum Sponsorship Request

Ann Crosby from The League of Women Voters - Fremont, Newark, Union City, addressed the Human Relations Commission about an "Anti-Bullying" Forum being sponsored by The League of Women Voters-Fremont, Newark Union City; the AAUW; and the Fremont PTA Council. The event is scheduled for May 23, 2011, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Centerville Junior High.

The current sponsors are asking the Commission to co-sponsor the event. They are not asking for a financial sponsorship.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh and seconded by Commissioner Watanuki to co-sponsor the Anti-Bullying Forum being held on May 23, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Centerville Junior High School. The motion was passed and so ordered.

11. COMMISSION REFERRALS

11.1 None

12. STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

Commissioner Davè will be attending CAEB meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

No update.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

Chair Hofmann gave an update on film series and asked for everyone to keep a look out for future films to view.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

No update.

12.5 “Make a Difference Day” Committee

Arquimides Caldera told the Commission that funding for MADD is most likely exhausted and that the HRC will have to do some fundraising should they wish to continue this project. He will check the balance to see if there is much left. He also asked the Commission for volunteers to create a sub committee for MADD. Three Commissioners: La, Davè, and Campbell, volunteered.

Sugi Shiva, who previously worked with the Commission in organizing MADD, will not be available this year but is looking into finding some people who may be interested in the project.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

Commissioner Walsh announced that the Dominican Sisters is hosting an event *Women of Diverse Cultural and Religious Differences* on Tuesday, May 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Suzanne Shenfil announced a successful meeting with the Dominican Sisters and that the Sisters are in the process of partnering with Alzheimer Services of the East Bay on the Dominican campus.

Commissioner Leung told the Commission that the Director of Tri-City Volunteers would like to come and speak to the HRC.

Commissioner Davè announced that the June HRC meeting would be his last meeting as he will be attending UC Berkeley in the Fall and his class schedule conflicts with the Monday meetings.

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. REFERRALS TO STAFF (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Watanuki and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The motion was approved and so ordered.